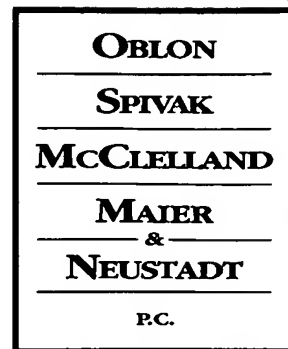


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Applicants: Eishun TSUCHIDA, et al.
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Preliminary Amendment w/Marked Up Copy (12 pp.)

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Page 4, please replace the paragraph at lines 11-20 as follows:

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--In addition, the qualities of oxygen infusions deteriorate with time due to the inherent characteristics of heme protein, and therefore it is difficult to preserve them in a stable condition. More specifically, hemoglobin, lipid heme and heme derivatives can reversibly bond with oxygen when the central iron of heme is a ferrous iron (Fe^{2+}), whereas when the ferrous iron is oxidized to a ferric iron (Fe^{3+}), oxygen binding capability is lost. Further, even a ferrous complex bound with oxygen is gradually oxidized automatically while releasing